

## REMARKS

Claims 32, 34, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42, 44 and 45 were objected to for the reason that these claims depended on rejected claims and were indicated to be allowable provided dependency on rejected claims is cured. In the present amendment applicant, acting through the undersigned attorney, complied with this requirement. All other claims were cancelled.

In order to simplify the reading of the claims and to avoid excessive underlining and strikethrough markings all previously pending claims were cancelled and claims 46 through 54 were substituted in their place. However, substantively these claims are not new because they present the "objected to" claims in independent format (as applicable).

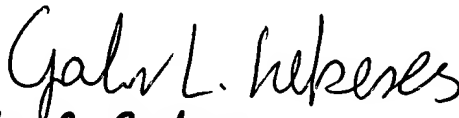
Correspondence of previously objected to claims, now rewritten in independent format (as applicable) to the present claim numbers is as follows.

32 – 46, 34 - 47, 36 – 48, 38 – 49, 39 – 50, 41 – 51, 42 – 52, 44 – 53, 45 – 54.

In light of the foregoing all outstanding claims are in *prima facie* allowable condition and their early allowance is respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference with the undersigned attorney would materially facilitate the final disposition of this case, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted

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